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WASHINGTON, September 25, 1986 -- Orders for new freight cars totaled 1,081 in August, compared with 797 in July and 770 in August 1985, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Total orders for new cars through the first eight months of this year came to 8,420, compared with 6,702 during the same period last year.

A total of 1,161 cars were placed in service in August, compared with 1,247 in July and 1,034 in August 1985. Through the first eight months of this year, 6,452 cars were delivered, compared with 8,052 at the same time a year ago.

As of September 1, the backlog of cars on order but undelivered was 3,727, compared with 3,807 on August 1, and 3,594 on September 1, 1985. The average monthly backlog so far this year is 3,637, compared with 4,071 a year ago.

The AAR also reported that 29 locomotives were placed in service in August, compared with 25 in July and 123 in August 1985. Through eight months of this year, 253 locomotives have been placed in service, compared with 373 at the same point last year.

Taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel-electric locomotives on September 1 was 21,570, compared with 21,844 on August 1, and 22,813 on September 1 of last year.

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FREIGHT CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED AND DELIVERED

AND BACKLOG OF ORDERS

ALL RAILROADS AND PRIVATE CAR LINES

DELIVERED

	<u>August</u>		<u>July</u>	<u>Eight Months</u>	
	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>
Built New by Car Builders	1,161	1,034	1,247	6,402	7,646
Built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	0	406
Built New - Total	1,161	1,034	1,247	6,402	8,052
Rebuilt	0	0	0	50	0
TOTAL DELIVERED	1,161	1,034	1,247	6,452	8,052
Locomotives	29	123	25	253	373

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	1,081	770	797	8,345	6,702
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	0	0
To be built New - Total	1,081	770	797	8,345	6,702
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	75	0
TOTAL ORDERED	1,081	770	797	8,420	6,702

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	<u>September</u>		<u>August</u>	<u>Average</u>	
	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>
To be built New by Car Builders	3,702	3,594	3,782	3,621	4,036
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	0	35
To be built New - Total	0	3,594	3,782	3,621	4,071
To be rebuilt	25	0	25	16	0
TOTAL ON ORDER	3,727	3,594	3,807	3,637	4,071
Locomotives	109	230	127	162	260

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